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Poe's Death Mystery Project

Objective: Engage in an independent yet technologically-interactive learning opportunity to explore the mystery of Poe's Death. Determine a cause of death while exploring others' research, and conduct a campaign to convince others that your theory is the correct one by referring to specific factual evidence *and* by making your own interpretations.

Completion of this assignment will include using the website: http://knowingpoe.thinkport.org/default_flash.asp (accessible through the wiki page), to perform the following:

1. Research the details of death related to the following theories:
 - 1) Meningitis
 - 2) Suffered from diabetes
 - 3) Beaten and robbed
 - 4) Lesions on the brain
 - 5) A heart condition
 - 6) Rabies
 - 7) Hypoglycemia
 - 8) Epilepsy
 - 9) Brain hemorrhage
 - 10) Toxic blood disorder

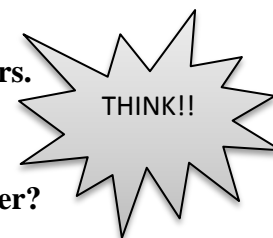
2. While conducting your research, compile and neatly organize the following information about each of the 10 possibilities (listed above):
 - 1) What is it/what does it mean?
 - 2) Could you die from this? If so, how immediate?
 - 3) What physical symptoms are associated with it? If so, what?
 - 4) Are there any psychological effects associated with this? If so, what?
 - 5) How is it caused or contracted?
 - 6) Is there a cure? What is it, if so?
 - 7) Were there any reported diagnoses of this during Poe's lifetime? If not, when was it first diagnosed/discovered?

3. Read through the list of "Death Clues" which came from a variety of published theories conducted by others (provided by your teacher).

4. **Decide on your theory—Organize a campaign to prove it and to convince your peers.**
 - 1) **What will this look like?**
 - 2) **Who will your audience be?**
 - 3) **What's the best way to reach a large audience in the most convincing manner?**
 - 4) **How will you display/share/report your findings?**

5. At any time throughout your project, (using headphones) visit the "It'll be the Death of Me" link under the "Poe the PERSON" tab. Assist the narrator in his adventure as he—a student who has been asked to conduct research on the mystery of Poe's death (*gee, sound familiar?*)—goes to the library to gather more information. Choose your own path when prompted to do so.

6. A rubric and specific details of this assessment (in terms of grading) will be expressed and distributed at a later time.



Research Organizer

Sickness/Disease: _____

1. What is it? What does it mean?	
2. Could you die from this? If so, how immediate?	
3. Are any physical symptoms associated with it? If so, what?	
4. Are there any psychological effects associated with this? If so, what?	
5. How is it caused or contracted?	
6. Is there a cure? What is it, if so? When was the cure first discovered, if so?	
7. Were there any reported diagnoses of this during Poe's lifetime? If not, when was it first diagnosed/ discovered?	

Other Important Notes: